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THE GOOSE WOMAN

Photoplay in 8 reels

Story by Kex Beach

Directed by Clarence Brown

Author of the photoplay (under section 62) Universal Pictures Corporation of U.S.

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"THE GOOSE WOMAN"
A Universal Jewel Production
Featuring Jack Pickford, Louise Dresser
and Constance Bennett

Gerald Holmes, a nice young boy in a New York suburb, loves Hazel Wood, a member of the local stock company playing at the theatre owned by Amos Etheridge, a roue who is forcing his unwelcome attentions on Hazel. Nearby in a dilapidated shack lives a frowey old women known locally as "The Goose Woman", on account of the big flock of geese through which she makes a living. She is a gin drinker, and we see her half drunk, listening to a record of herself singing an operatic number when she was the famous Marie de Nardi of the stage.

Gerald comes to see her and learns that she is his mother. Accidentally he breaks the last remaining record of her once beautiful voice and she drives him from the house with hateful epithets, declaring that his birth was the cause of her loss of voice.

In the morning Etheridge is found murdered and the Goose Woman is questioned by the reporters to no avail, for she really knows nothing of the murder. That day Gerald comes to see her to protect her from annoyances of the police, but she again drives him out after telling him he is not fit to marry a decent girl, for he was born without a name, as she had never been married to his father.

Finding that she is no longer mentioned in the papers, she craves the front page glory that once was hers, and makes up a false story describing the car owned by the murderer and fanciful incidents that occurred on the night of the murder. In order to induce her to speak more freely, as well as to give her a respectable appearance which will lead reporters to give her tale credence, the district attorney has her beauty-doctored, dressed in finery and installed in a suite in an expensive hotel, where she is stormed with interviewers and photographers to her heart's delight.

Her testimony has led to the arrest of Gerald, whose car and whose personal appearance answers her description, and he is unmercifully grilled by the detectives in an effort to force a confession. A gun is found in a stream where he told them he had thrown a pair of pliars, and his mother is called in to identify him and complete the chain of evidence that will hang him. When she recognizes the prisoner as her son, she owns up to the string of falsehoods, but they believe she is now lying to save her flesh and blood.

While his mother is tearfully confessing her foolish perjury, old Jacob, the theatre watchman is brought in by detectives and proudly confesses that he shot Etheriage to save Hazel from his clutches. All ends happily now for the mother, son and daughter-in-law.

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The Goose Woman

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